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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM: [REDACTED]
Chief, Covert Action Staff
International Activities Division

SUBJECT: Forwarding of Covert Action Infrastructure
Report to SSCI

1. Action Requested. That you forward the attached report on the covert action infrastructure to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI).

2. Background. For the better part of a year the SSCI has been dunning CIA for a comprehensive report on the covert action infrastructure. We felt it appropriate to defer providing this report until the Special Coordination Committee (SCC) had the opportunity to review the infrastructure, and so advised the SSCI and its staffers, formally and informally, on several occasions. The SCC conducted its annual review of covert action activities on 16 May 1978 and recommended that the President sign the New Consolidated Finding. By so doing, the SCC put its stamp of approval on the current funding and tasking of the infrastructure, and it then became appropriate to forward the report.

The requirements for the report which the SSCI had sent us in past correspondence were unclear and appeared somewhat excessive. For this reason, Chief, Covert Action Staff met with Bill Miller and other SSCI staffers on 6 June and worked out an informal agreement as to what issues should be considered, and facts provided, in the report. The attached paper conforms to this agreement. The passages on propriety of [REDACTED] risk and consequences of exposures, "feedback," and "command and control" are direct responses to SSCI Staff requests.

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You will note that the factual passages on the infrastructure are not very detailed: Miller accepted the "sources and methods" argument in this regard. On the other hand, he has requested in future that the SSCI receive a detailed oral, executive session briefing on what he referred to as a "slice" of the infrastructure, which would serve to demonstrate how the entire propaganda network operated. We presume he will be satisfied with an in depth view of perhaps two stations, each with a variety of infrastructure assets.

We are attaching to the report a copy of the unclassified study on Soviet propaganda prepared for the HPSCI.

3. Recommendation. It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Senator Bayh forwarding the infrastructure report.

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Attachments, a/s

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[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Director for Operations

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